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CIVIL AVIATION
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EXPANSION WORK AT AMRITSAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion work including cargo facilities at Amritsar International Airport has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the cost escalation as a result thereof;

(c) the original time schedule for completion of the work; and

(d) the time by which the expansion work is likely to be completed?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Terminal Building work was delayed initially due to recall of tenders on account of high rate received. There was abnormal delay in execution of this work by M/s HSCL, a Government of India Undertaking who were awarded the work. Therefore, the work was re-awarded to another agency at their risk and cost with stipulated date of completion. In one of the project review meetings, it was pointed out that for better aesthetics, ambience and overall view to present modern day design dynamism of aviation industry, the proposed design of the Terminal should be improved. Some of the activities in central concourse and departure terminal were temporarily suspended for 2 to 3 months. The exact cost escalation shall be known when the project is completed.

(c) & (d) The construction is likely to be completed by October, 2005 in place of November, 2003, which was the original time schedule.